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SUBJ: ERITREAN ISSUE IN US/ETHIOPIAN RELATIONS

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1. IN CONNECTION AMBASSADOR HUMMEL'S THOUGHTFUL REFTTEL, WE HAVE LONG THOUGHT HERE THAT EVIDENCE GOE CONCERN AT ALLEGED ARMS TRANSIT THROUGH SUDANESE TERRITORY TO ELF/PLF IS, TO SAY THE LEAST, EXAGGERATED. EMBASSY IS, OF COURSE, HARDLY IN POSITION TO MONITOR THIS QUESTION BUT WE ARE DOING ALL WE CAN REMAIN ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF SUCH TRAFFIC. EVEN SUDANESE THEMSELVES PROBABLY INCAPABLE OF FULLY POLICING LONG FRONTIER WITH ETHIOPIA. HOWEVER, LIMITED INFO AVAILABLE TO US SUGGESTS THAT TRANSIT ARMS TO ERITREANS HAS BEEN AT LOW LEVEL. THIS CONNEC- TION, GOS ISSUED PARTICULARLY STRINGENT REGULATIONS EARLY APRIL RE OVERFLIGHT AND LANDING REQUIREMENTS (KHARTOUM 929). WE ARE TOLD AT TIME THAT SUDANESE REGULATIONS FORBID TRANSIT OF ARMS. WHILE THIS HARDLY CONCLUSIVE, GOS DOES APPEAR SENSITIVE TO THIS QUESTION IN ITS RELATIONS WITH GOE.

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2. WE UNDERSTAND MINISTERIAL LEVEL MEETING BETWEEN

TWO GOVERNMENTS (KHARTOUM 1078) NOW SCHEDULED KHARTOUM
EARLY JUNE. DISCUSSION ABOVE AND OTHER CAUSES MISUNDERSTANDING
SHOULD HOPEFULLY SERVE CLEAR THE AIR IN SUDANESE/ETHIOPIAN
RELATIONS.

3. AS TO PENDING SUDANESE MEDIATION, WE AGREE WITH
PARA 9.B. OF REFTTEL THAT FURTHER STEPS, BOTH COSMETIC AND
SUBSTANTIVE, NEED TO BE CONSIDERED TO SHOW OUR SUPPORT
FOR NEGOTIATED SOLUTION. FROM THIS ADMITTEDLY LIMITED
VANTAGE POINT, IT OCCURS TO US THAT ANY POSITIVE USG RESPONSE
TO FURTHER GOE DEMANDS FOR AMMUNITION AND EQUIPMENT
WHICH MIGHT BE USED IN ERITREA COULD WELL BE
LINKED TO PUBLIC ACCEPTANCE BY GOE OF NIMEIRI'S MEDIATION
OFFER. EF ETHIOPIANS AGREE, THIS SHOULD DRAW TEETH OF
ARAB CRITICISM OF ANY SUCH RESUPPLY, WHEREAS IF THE GOE
WERE NOT TO AGREE THIS MIGHT PROVIDE US WITH CLEARLY
DEFENSIBLE POSITION ON WHICH TO DEFER ANY FORTHCOMING
RESPONSE.
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